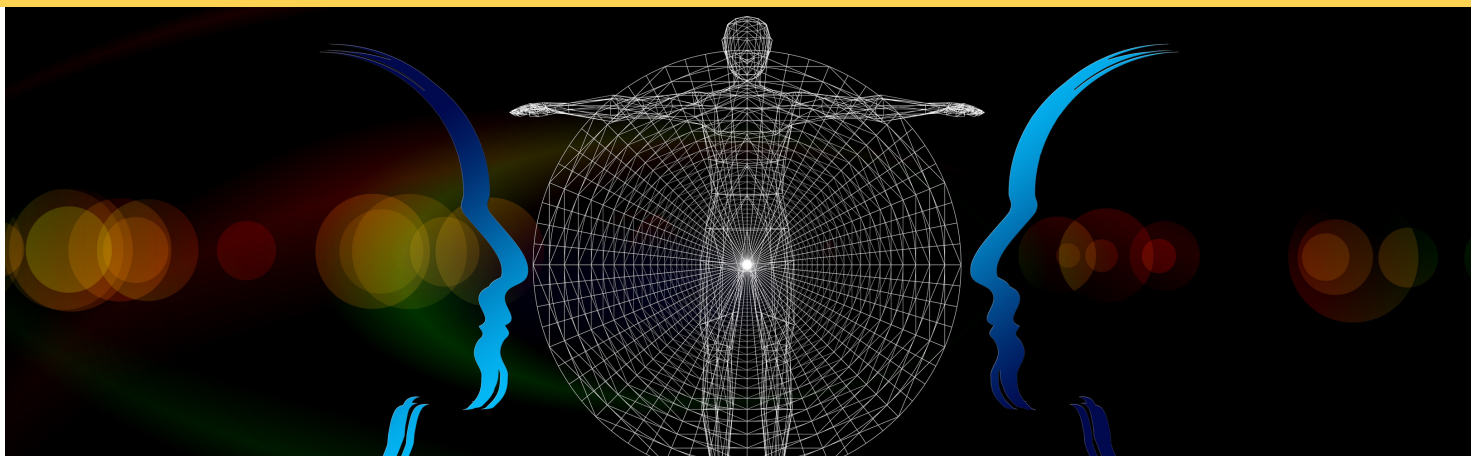


THE MDBPTE QUARTERLY UPDATE

The Official Newsletter of The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners



The Online Payment Center Is Here!

By John Bull, Deputy Director of Operations

As of November 1, 2021, the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners will no longer receive checks or money orders for payment. (**With the exception of fines from investigative penalties*)

The Board of Physical Therapy Examiners has a new online payment center. For the convenience of making certain payments to the Board by credit card, you can visit the payment center by clicking this [link](#).

The payments for licensing will still be made as part of the application process and are not included in the payment center.

Changes to USPS First-Class Delivery

By Laurie Kendall- Ellis, Executive Director

The United States Postal Service (USPS) as of October 1, 2021, is extending its standard first-class mail delivery time to up to 5 days.

We strongly recommend using our new Payment Center along with the corresponding online templates for transactions and communications with the Board.

License applications and renewals continue to be electronic payment only.

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Welcome, Morgan!

by Khadija Ali, Project Manager

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (MDBPTE) is pleased to welcome Morgan Powell, our new Licensing Secretary.

Ms. Powell joined our team on August 4, 2021. She is a former early childhood educator with excellent organizational skills.

In just two months, she has helped the team make tremendous headway with our "Going Digital Project" along with many other tasks.

Licensing Update

By Lisa Scott, Licensing Manager

The requirements for licensure are listed on our [website](#), click on [APPLY FOR LICENSE](#); Initial Licensure; If you have any further questions, please email, or call the Board office.

If you are applying by exam, in order for the Maryland Board to make you eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), we must have a paid application, an official transcript with the date and degree conferred on the transcript. Once we receive your documents, we can make you eligible to sit for the exam.

Foreign Educated

If you are applying by exam, and Foreign Educated, in order for the Maryland Board to make you eligible to sit for the NPTE, we must have a paid application, credential evaluation, and proof of oral competence. Once we receive your oral competency and credential evaluation, we can then email you a waiver of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and you can then submit it to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

Questions? Contact Licensing Manager Lisa Scott at lisa.scott@maryland.gov

"Our vision is to ensure physical therapists and physical therapist assistants meet and exceed the physical therapy standards of practice to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Marylanders"



Please remember to keep your personal address current with the Board!

Change of Name and Address Form

2022 CEU Deadline for License Renewal

By Isaac Okehie, Deputy Director of Administration

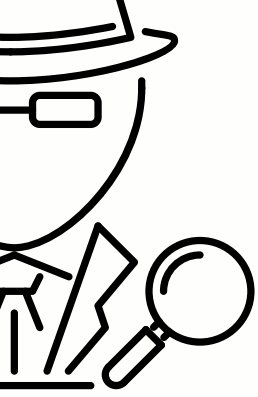
CEUs FOR 2022 RENEWAL PERIOD MUST BE EARNED BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2020, AND MARCH 31, 2022.

The Board is encouraging licensees to start earning the required CEUs for 2022 renewal (three (3) CEUs or thirty (30) CE hours for PTs, and two (2) CEUs or twenty (20) CE hours for PTAs) to do so not later than March 31, 2022.

REMINDER: Any CE hours earned between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, used for 2020 renewal can not be used for 2022 renewal.

Questions? Contact Deputy Director of Administration Okehie @ Ogui.Okehie@maryland.gov





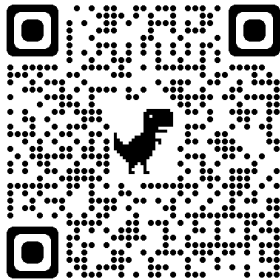
Investigations:

When to File a Complaint

By John Bull, Deputy Director of Operations

As a member of the public, it is your responsibility to file a complaint as soon as you have reasonable cause. If you believe that a professional is unable to practice safely, has engaged in unprofessional conduct, and/ or has violated the law or the Maryland Physical Therapy Practice Act.

For more information about Reporting to the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, please download our [Report Brochure!](#)



When in doubt, give us a call at (410) 764-4718 to speak to an investigator!

Links:

[Open Session Meeting Minutes](#)

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[Maryland Practice Act](#)

[COVID- 19 Pandemic Orders and Guidance](#)

[FAQs](#)



COVID-19 Update

By Khadija Ali, Project Manager

Over 8 million Marylanders have been vaccinated, which superseded the state's goal!

On September 24, 2021, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) approved the Pfizer COVID 19 booster shot for seniors and high-risk individuals. The boosters are now being administered to seniors in congregate settings.

Now that students are back in classrooms, Maryland continues to push for the expedited approval of vaccines for children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Virtual Board Meetings

Board Meetings* are open to the public and are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00

PM. Agendas are posted on our website. Join by phone:

(US)+1(301) 882-3047 PIN: 7209 935 914# Join by Video (copy and paste this link):

meet.google.com/rbpmkdk-pbi

*In-person meetings will tentatively resume in 2022

[Agenda](#)





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